

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting
held on 12th January 2015 at 7.00pm at The Parish Office, Killick Way, Williton.

Attendees:

Councillors: Koch (Chairman), Bigwood (left after 14/93.3 at 7.50pm), McDonald, Peeks, Stiven and Woods (left after item 14/89.7 at 7.30pm)
Public: None
Other: Mrs Michelle Francis

Apologies:

Councillors: None

14/86B **Apologies as noted above.**

14/87B **Declarations of Interest**

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Peeks	14/102b 3/39/14/035	Pecuniary, Employee of WSC	Left Room
Cllr Peeks	14/102b 3/28/14/005	Pecuniary, Employee of WSC	Left Room

14/88B **Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 10th November 2014**

It was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes after a Proposal by Cllr McDonald and Seconded by Cllr Bigwood.

14/89B **Matters to Report**

- 14/89.1B (Item 14/75.1B) Pedestrian Routes It was **resolved** to note that Cllr McDonald had met with Alex Johnstone and was awaiting a reply.
- 14/89.2B (Item 14/75.2B) State of Road at St Peter's Close It was **resolved** to note replies had been received from No. 4 Allard House and Magna Housing both stating they were not the owners of the land between the walls. After further investigation, by Cllr Peeks, it was suggested that County Council might be the owners. It was **resolved** the Clerk would contact Property Services to investigate further.
- 14/89.3B (Item 14/75.4B) Village Information Board No further information was available and Cllr McDonald was still researching the matter.
- 14/89.4B (Item 14/75.5 B) State of Market Ground & the Hole in Bank Street Despite several letters it was **resolved** to note still no reply had been received from Mr Gliddon. It was **resolved** the Clerk would write to Mr Gliddon again to request a site meeting.
- 14/89.5B (Item 14/75.6B) Flooding Matters It was **resolved** to note the full report taken to the January Full Council meeting. Cllr McDonald reported still waiting for Highways to clear the stream from the Paddocks to the first bend along Doniford Road. The Clerk reported she has been informed by Highways that although they will clear the stream on this occasion it is not their responsibility, but that of the landowner, believed to be Wyndham Estate. Cllr Koch reported that the power line between Catwell and Townsend was catching floating debris, it was **resolved** that Cllr McDonald would investigate.
- 14/89.6B (Item 14/75.7) Owl Boxes in village The Clerk reported that Edward Martin would be willing to have the boxes erected on his land, on the condition that only Lew Newman would have access to the boxes, unless prior notification is given and agreed with Mr Martin. It was reported that Wyndham Estate would also be willing to have the boxes on their land, but require further information regarding access. After a proposition by Cllr Koch, seconded by Cllr Bigwood it was unanimously **resolved** that Lew Newman would liaise with both parties. Cllr Koch reported that the Parish has one free box; further boxes cost £75.00 each.
- 14/89.7B (Item 14/80B) Doniford Footpath It was **resolved** to note a letter had been received from Sarah Littler, together with a plan. After a discussion regarding ownership of the land, It was **resolved** to request a larger scale map 1:500 from Sarah Littler. A letter had been sent to Edward Down and it was **resolved** to wait until a reply had been received and then to physically measure the land to finalise land ownership. Cllr Peeks voiced concern that this was primarily for the benefit of the Railway as it would be a 'dead-end path'. After a proposition from Cllr Woods, seconded by Cllr Peeks, it was unanimously **resolved** that once replies had been received from Edward Down confirming his agreement and from Sarah Littler with a more detailed plan, a working party would be formed to mark out the exact path. The working party would include Cllrs Koch, Peeks and Woods in conjunction with Edward Down and West Somerset Railway.

14/89.8B (Item 14/81B) Williton Market It was reported that initial contact had been made with Watchet Town Council and Minehead Farmers Market and it was **resolved** to ask for further information, which may lead to asking a representative to attend a future meeting.

14/90B Correspondence

14/90.1B It was **resolved** to note the proposed SID installation dates.

14/90.2B A letter had been received from West Somerset Council asking if the Parish Council could store sandbags. Although the Parish Council did not have a suitable storage area, it was **resolved** the clerk would contact Magna and Croft House to ask if they would be able to offer assistance.

14/91B Highway Matters

14/91.1B It was **resolved** to note the reply from Gary Warren. It was **resolved** to report to highways the parking signs outside the Co-op and along North Road needed covering as it was causing confusion – the parking restrictions need to be made clear.

14/91.2B It was **resolved** to note the communication from the Environment Agency. No comment made.

14/92B Finance and Budget

No further report.

14/93B Items to Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers

14/93.1B Bridge Green (The Copse) A quotation had been received from Wibble Farm Nurseries for the replacement of a Betula pendula – supply of tree only £29.50, to supply and plant £58.89. It was **resolved** to check if planting of the tree would be covered by Council contract. After a proposal from Cllr Bigwood, seconded by Cllr McDonald it was unanimously **resolved** if there was no contract, to instruct Wibble Farm Nurseries to supply and plant the tree and if a contract is in place for Wibble Farm Nurseries to supply the tree only. It was **resolved** to note that Cllr Bigwood and Cllr McDonald had placed more stones around the copse to stop the vehicles driving over the grass and causing erosion.

14/93.2B Bellamy's Corner It was reported roadwork signs were restricting access to Bellamy's Corner and needed moving to the right. It was **resolved** the clerk would liaise with Andrew Goodchild to confirm who to contact to ask for the sign to be moved.

14/93.3B Doniford Car Park It was **resolved** to continue with regular checks.

14/93.4B Recreation ground and Play Area It was **resolved** to contact County Council contractors to ask for the hedge by the children's' play area to be cut down to the height of the fence.

14/93.5B Street Furniture Nothing to report.

14/93.6B Grass verges Nothing to report.

14/94B Doniford Footpath

Already discussed under item 14/89.7B

14/95B Williton Market

Already discussed under item 14/89.8B

14/96B Consultation on the draft second Rights of way Improvement Plan

It was **resolved** the clerk would obtain a hard copy and circulate for response. It was **resolved** to report back to the next meeting.

14/97B Bollard / retractable posts for Watchet Hill

Concern was raised for the safety of Children speeding down the hill on their bikes and the possibility of them going straight onto the road. After a proposition from Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Koch it was **resolved** to contact highways to ask if anything could be done.

14/98B Village Gate

Village Gates, white fencing, that are erected by the village sign to give the impression that the road narrows which then encourages a reduction in speed. It was **resolved** that Cllr Koch would investigate the cost and whether highways would agree to the scheme.

14/99B Clean-up Day

It was **resolved** that Cllr Stiven would liaise with Love Williton regarding a date to clean Union Lane and report back to the next meeting.

14/100B Parking outside Sir Gilbert Scott Court

A discussion took place regarding the obstruction caused by cars parking outside the property on the main A39 and the safety implications. After a proposal from Cllr Koch, seconded by Cllr Peeks, it was **resolved** the clerk would contact highways and discuss the possibility of double yellow lines.

14/101B Report of Watchet, Williton and Quantocks Area Panel – it was resolved to note the report.

14/102B Planning Applications for consideration

Application No	Location	Details	Comment
3/39/14/035	Lavender Cottage, Long Street	Re-render the front and rear elevations in lime render (listed building)	No objections
3/39/14/038	4 Rylands Close	Proposed single storey extension	No objections
3/28/14/005	Land at Aller Farm, East of Woodford and North of Monksilver	Erection of a Solar PV Development and associated works – amended plans	Previous Objections remain – Objections on the grounds of the comments raised by the neighbouring parishes as it did not support the Government advice regarding location within an outstanding natural environment and on the grounds of the implication of heavy traffic that would need to access the site at Bridge Farm.
339/14/037	Land and Buildings, Bank Street	Lawful development certificate for the existing use of the land as retails, Workshop, mixed light industrial use and storage	Ask for extension until 3rd February, after next Full Council meeting, as further information is required regarding occupation of the site.

14/103B Notification of planning decisions - noted

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/14/034	Tropiquaria	Granted
3/39/14/023	Doniford Bay Caravan Holiday Park, Watchet	Granted
3/39/14/030	Williton War Memorial Recreation Ground	Granted

14/104B To note the following planning applications that have been sent to appeal - noted

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/14/028	Abbey Barn, A39, Washford	
3/39/14/027	Abbey Barn, A39, Washford	
3/39/14/025	Shells Cottage, Washford	

14/105B Matters for the next meeting to be held on Monday 9th February 2015 at 7.00 pm in Parish Office

Meeting closed at 8.15pm